

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 12 and 22 as set forth in the listing of claims that follows:

1.-11 (CANCELED)

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A frontal air bag system for a vehicle comprising:

an inflator adapted to be mounted to a vehicle structure;

a diffuser connected to said inflator and adapted to extend along a pillar of the vehicle;

a frontal air bag operatively connected to said diffuser and adapted to be mounted solely to the pillar; and

a trim molding covering said frontal air bag and adapted to be mounted to the pillar, wherein said frontal air bag is inflated by said inflator via said diffuser to extend downward and sideways in front of an occupant seated in the vehicle and said trim molding is displaced during deployment of said frontal air bag.

13. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 12 wherein said air bag is mounted to the pillar on a driver side of the vehicle.

14. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 12 wherein said air bag is mounted to the pillar on a passenger side of the vehicle.

15. (CANCELED)

16. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 12 wherein said air bag is either one of a generally circular, rectangular and spherical shape.

17. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 12 wherein said air bag comprises at least one panel to form a specific shape.

18. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 17 wherein said air bag includes a neck portion connected to said at least one panel.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 18 wherein said neck portion is operatively connected to said diffuser.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A frontal air bag system for a vehicle comprising:

an inflator adapted to be remotely mounted to vehicle structure;
a diffuser adapted to be connected to said inflator and adapted to extend along a pillar of the vehicle;

a frontal air bag adapted to be mounted solely to the pillar and having at least one panel and a neck portion connected to said at least one panel, said neck portion being operatively connected to said diffuser; and

a trim molding covering said frontal air bag and adapted to be mounted to the pillar, wherein said frontal air bag is inflated by said inflator via said diffuser to extend downward and sideways in front of an occupant seated in the vehicle and said trim molding is displaced during deployment of said frontal air bag.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A frontal air bag system for a vehicle having a front pillar, comprising:

a frontal air bag mounted to a said front pillar of the vehicle; and
wherein said frontal air bag is inflated to extend downward and sideways in front of an occupant seated in the vehicle.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 21 including an inflator adapted to be mounted to a vehicle structure and operatively connected to said frontal air bag.

23. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 21 including a trim molding covering said frontal air bag and adapted to be mounted to the pillar, wherein said trim molding is displaced during deployment of said frontal air bag.

24. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 21 wherein said frontal air bag comprises at least one panel to form a specific shape.

25. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 21 wherein said frontal air bag includes a neck portion connected to said at least one panel.

26. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 22 including a diffuser attached to said inflator and said frontal air bag.

27. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 26 wherein said diffuser is a hollow tube having a plurality of apertures at least partially disposed within said frontal air bag.

28. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 22 wherein said inflator is adapted to be remotely located on the vehicle structure from the pillar.

29. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 28 including a diffuser connected to said inflator and extending along the pillar to said frontal air bag.

30. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 21 wherein said frontal air bag is adapted to be mounted to the pillar on a driver side of the vehicle.

31. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 21 wherein said frontal air bag is adapted to be mounted to the pillar on a passenger side of the vehicle.

32. (ORIGINAL) A frontal air bag system as set forth in claim 21 wherein said frontal air bag is one of a group comprising a generally rectangular, circular, and spherical shape.

33. (CANCELLED)